

Abstract

The invention is in the field of distributed Raman amplification for digital and analog transmission applications and other applications, e.g.,

5 instrumentation and imaging applications, including HFC-CATV applications. In particular, the invention uses a high power broadband source of amplified spontaneous emission (ASE) as the Raman pump source for improved system performance. The invention also

10 includes methods for constructing such a high-power broadband Raman pump.